

COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on December 31, 2002. At the time the Examiner mailed the office action claims 1, 2, 4 – 38 and 40 – 98 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicant has: 1) neither canceled nor added any claims; and, 2) amended claims 1, 4 – 30, 32 – 38, 40 – 49, 50, 69 and 89. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of claims 1, 2, 4 – 38 and 40 – 98.

The Examiner rejected each of independent claims 1, 34, 42, 50, 69 and 84 under 35 USC 112, paragraph 2 as being indefinite for their use of the phrase "corresponding to". In response the Applicant has amended each of these claims so as to recite that a transmission unit's fixed length can be determined from a bits per word parameter and a words per cell parameter. As such, the applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 USC 112, paragraph 2 has been overcome. That is, any indefiniteness or lack of clarity has been corrected for by way of these amendments.

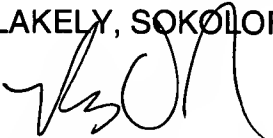
As such, the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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